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To permit the interstate distribution of State-inspected meat under appropriate circumstances.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SPACE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

A BILL

To permit the interstate distribution of State-inspected meat under appropriate circumstances.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Safe Interstate Meat
5 Shipment Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FEDERAL AND STATE COOPERATION WITH RE-**
7 **SPECT TO MEAT INSPECTION.**

8 (a) WAIVER OF INTRASTATE DISTRIBUTION LIMITA-
9 TION UNDER THE FEDERAL MEAT INSPECTION ACT.—
10 Section 301(a) of the Federal Meat Inspection Act (21

1 U.S.C. 661(a)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
2 lowing new paragraph:

3 “(5)(A) Upon application of an appropriate
4 State agency with which the Secretary may cooper-
5 ate under this Act, the Secretary shall verify that
6 the mandatory requirements of the State’s meat in-
7 spection program are at least equal to the Federal
8 inspection, reinspection, and sanitation requirements
9 under title I of this Act.

10 “(B) If the Secretary verifies that the
11 mandatory inspection requirements of the State
12 from which a State agency submits an applica-
13 tion under subparagraph (A) are at least equal
14 to Federal inspection requirements—

15 “(i) the requirement under paragraph
16 (1) that meat and meat food products in-
17 spected under such State’s meat inspection
18 program be solely for distribution in such
19 State shall not apply; and

20 “(ii) the Secretary may perform ran-
21 dom inspections of State-inspected slaugh-
22 tering, meat-canning, salting, packing, ren-
23 dering, or similar establishments in such
24 State to ensure that the State meat inspec-
25 tion program conducted in such State at

1 least meets the Federal inspection require-
2 ments under title I.

3 “(C) If after an inspection performed
4 under subparagraph (B) the Secretary deter-
5 mines that a State-inspected slaughtering,
6 meat-canning, salting, packing, rendering, or
7 similar establishment is not subject to manda-
8 tory inspection requirements at least equal to
9 the substantive Federal inspection requirements
10 under title I of this Act, the requirement under
11 paragraph (1) that meat and meat food prod-
12 ucts inspected under a State meat inspection
13 program be solely for distribution in such State
14 shall apply to such slaughtering, meat-canning,
15 salting, packing, rendering, or similar establish-
16 ment until a subsequent inspection verifies that
17 the establishment is subject to mandatory in-
18 spection requirements at least equal to the Fed-
19 eral inspection requirements under title I.”.

20 (b) WAIVER OF INTRASTATE DISTRIBUTION LIMITA-
21 TION UNDER THE POULTRY PRODUCTS INSPECTION
22 ACT.—Section 5(a) of the Poultry Products Inspection
23 Act (21 U.S.C. 454(a)) is amended by adding the fol-
24 lowing paragraph at the end thereof:

1 “(5)(A) Upon application of an appropriate
2 State agency with which the Secretary may cooper-
3 ate under this Act, the Secretary shall verify that
4 the mandatory requirements of the State’s poultry
5 product inspection program are at least equal to the
6 Federal inspection, reinspection, and sanitation re-
7 quirements under this Act.

8 “(B) If the Secretary verifies that the
9 mandatory inspection requirements of the State
10 from which a State agency submits an applica-
11 tion under subparagraph (A) are at least equal
12 to Federal inspection requirements—

13 “(i) the requirement under paragraph
14 (1) that poultry products inspected under
15 such State’s poultry product inspection
16 program be solely for distribution in such
17 State shall not apply; and

18 “(ii) the Secretary may perform ran-
19 dom inspections of State-inspected official
20 establishments in such State to ensure that
21 the State poultry product inspection pro-
22 gram conducted in such State at least
23 meets the Federal inspection requirements
24 under this Act.

1 “(C) If after an inspection performed
2 under subparagraph (B) the Secretary deter-
3 mines that a State-inspected official establish-
4 ment is not subject to mandatory inspection re-
5 quirements at least equal to the substantive
6 Federal inspection requirements under this Act,
7 the requirement under paragraph (1) that poul-
8 try and poultry products inspected under a
9 State poultry product inspection program be
10 solely for distribution in such State shall apply
11 to such official establishment until a subsequent
12 inspection verifies that the official establish-
13 ment is subject to mandatory inspection re-
14 quirements at least equal to the Federal inspec-
15 tion requirements under this Act.”.

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